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# The Seven Acres

Dahlias and Gladioli

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The many wonderful testimonials of our customers of 1929 have proven beyond a doubt that the health of the stock behind the bulb is what counts most in growing fine flowers. Never were bulbs put to so severe a test as the growth season of 1929, but ours came through with honors.

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The quality of twenty years maintained. References. Hundreds of satisfied customers in this and other countries.

A square deal to all is our greatest advertisement and we trust that any mistake will be referred to us at once, also the success you may have.

The season's best wishes.

THE SEVEN ACRES.

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### INFORMATION

The different varieties of Dahlias we have abbreviated as follows: Decorative, D.; Peony, P.; Cactus, C.; Hybrid Cactus, H. C.; Show, S.; Pom Pom, P. P. Where the variety favors two different types, both are mentioned.

We guarantee all bulbs and plants true to name and to arrive in good condition. If not satisfactory when received, notify us at once.

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### STRONG PLANTS ON THE NEWER VARIETIES AT ONE-HALF PRICE OF BULBS NO PLANT LESS THAN \$1.00

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### GROWING THE DAHLIA

Location: Open, sunny or partial shade. Cultivate the soil thoroughly. Plant from May 1st to June 20th. Dig a hole one foot deep. Put in shovel of manure or other plant food. Cover with an inch of soil. If stake is to be used, set in. Plant bulb four inches deep, horizontally, and cover. Cultivate at least once a week. Do not water until the plants are well above the ground. When the buds appear water the plants thoroughly once or twice a week. Apply any good fertilizer, stirring the soil lightly after. To obtain extra large flowers, disbud freely, leaving only a few buds and branches on each plant.

Green plants should be planted TWICE AS DEEP as they were grown in pots or 4 or 5 inches deep. They should be watered and shaded for a few days after planting.

|   | Bulbs   |
|---|---------|
| Alexander Pope, H. P.—Large, shaggy red .....   | .75     |
| Alice Whittier, H. C.—Large flower on good,<br>strong stems, primrose yellow .....  | \$ 2.00 |
| Amulet, D.—A rich brown, producing many large<br>flowers, very good habits .....  | 1.50    |
| Barbara Redfern, D.—Large flower on strong<br>stems, old rose and gold .....  | 2.50    |
| Andreas Hofer, H. C.—Medium size flower, light<br>pink with salmon suffusion .....  | 2.00    |
| Bay State, D.—Very large cream yellow on long,<br>strong stems, free bloomer and keeps its<br>size until the end of season .....  | .75     |
| Ben Wilson, D.—Large orange red, tipped with<br>gold, very showy .....  | .75     |
| Black Jack, D.—Very large velvety maroon, with<br>good stems .....  | .90     |
| Bonnie Brae, D.—Shaded blush pink, very large ..  | .35     |
| Bueno, D.—Large size flower on very strong<br>stems, brown and copper color .....   | 1.00    |
| City of Lawrence, D.—Very large yellow .....  | .65     |
| City of Peabody, H. C.—A very attractive flower<br>of wine color with silver reverse .....  | 1.00    |
| City of Trenton, D.—Glowing tangerine with re-<br>verse of crushed strawberry red .....   | 5.00    |
| Cushing, D.—Scored 84 as an exhibition flower<br>at American Dahlia Society Trial Garden.<br>It is hard to describe this Dahlia, it is so<br>different in color and formation from the<br>average. The seven inch flower, on good<br>stems, is a blending of cerise, old gold and<br>yellow ..... | 1.00    |
| Eldorado, D.—A striking, large, gold Decorative,<br>of the best habits .....  | 2.00    |
| Elsie Daniels, D.—Large, pale violet orchid on<br>good stems .....  | .75     |
| Fort Monmouth, H. C.—A giant flower of very<br>good habits, brilliant crimson maroon, very<br>good .....  | 7.50    |
| Geo. H. Carr, D.—Large, deep purple flowers eight<br>inches. The best of its color .....  | .35     |
| Grace Burnett, H. C.—Dark velvet red on strong<br>stems .....   | 1.00    |
| Harry Mayer, D.—Very large lilac purple on long,<br>strong stems .....  | 3.50    |
| Harry Sheldon, D.—Very large pink and white;<br>great exhibition flower .....   | .75     |
| Independence, D.—Large, well set up flower of<br>mauve pink or lilac on strong stems .....  | .65     |
| Jersey's Beacon, D.—Chinese scarlet, very large<br>and attractive flowers on strong stems .....   | .75     |
| Jersey's Gleam, D.—Very free blooming Dahlia,<br>medium size, coral pink, very good habits for<br>garden varieties .....  | 1.50    |

|   | Bulbs |
|---|-------|
| <b>Jersey's Glory, D.</b> —Large, yellow orange flower on long, stiff stems, free bloomer .....   | 10.00 |
| <b>Jersey's Mammoth, D.</b> —Very large flower, golden mahogany .....   | .90   |
| <b>Jersey's Masterpiece, D.</b> —A very well set up flower, nice, snappy stylish shape, good size, strawberry pink, on strong stems .....   | 5.00  |
| <b>Jersey's Wonder, D.</b> —Large orange yellow .....   | 1.25  |
| <b>Jim George, D.</b> —A most beautiful garnet velvet, large and good habits .....  | .75   |
| <b>Judge Langford, D.</b> —Large, rich pansy purple, of good habits .....   | .75   |
| <b>Judge L. McCord, D.</b> —A new one that is going to be very good. Large gold colored flower on strong stems .....  | 20.00 |
| <b>Lady Alla, P.</b> —Bright scarlet, long strong stems. Fragrant. Very attractive .....  | .35   |
| <b>Lenore Wollams, H. C.</b> —Medium sized flowers, rose color, very stylish set up .....   | 5.00  |
| <b>Lillian Hart, D.</b> —Good sized flower with good stems, lavender rose .....   | 1.00  |
| <b>Mahogany, C.</b> —Good size flower on good stems, dark velvet red .....  | .75   |
| <b>Maid Marian, H. C.</b> —Something different in formation, large, rose pink with curled and twisted petals .....  | 2.00  |
| <b>Marmion, D.</b> —A monster in every way, size, habits, stem and quality, golden yellow with bronze suffusion, none better .....  | 3.00  |
| <b>Massachusetts, D.</b> —Awarded Certificate of Merit by American Dahlia Society and Dahlia Society of California. Winner of many first prizes. The color is a gorgeous shade of amaranth purple, the tight center petals pansy purple, outer petals shading Syrian rose. Immense flowers on good stems, splendid for exhibition ..... | 1.50  |
| <b>Miss California, D.</b> —Beautiful new color, Oriental fuchsia, good stem, style and size .....  | 1.50  |
| <b>Mrs. Alfred Seal, D.</b> —One of the new ones which is very good. Picture a very large flower glowing old rose, great depth on long, strong stem, a good Dahlia in every way .....   | 15.00 |
| <b>Mrs. Eleanor Martin, D.</b> —Beautiful mulberry, giant flower, good for exhibition .....   | 1.00  |
| <b>Mrs. Frank Dunbar, D.</b> —This beautiful new Dahlia is a most charming shade of clear lavender. The formation is perfect. The stems are long, strong and straight, holding the flower well above the foliage .....  | 1.00  |
| <b>Mrs. Geo. W. Jenkins, D.</b> —Certificate of Merit. Flower is very large, bright, rich scarlet, the foliage exceptionally good. Always attracts attention .....  | 1.00  |

## Bulbs

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|---|------|
| <b>Mrs. I. DeVer Warner, D.</b> —An immense flower of exquisite mauve pink, on long, strong stems .....   | .35  |
| <b>My Maryland, H. C.</b> —Very stylish flower on good stems, pink lavender .....   | 7.50 |
| <b>Nancy Sue Lang, H. D.</b> —Immense flower, red tipped gold, very attractive .....  | 3.50 |
| <b>Nature's Jewell, H. C.</b> —Here we have one of the most profuse bloomers of all Dahlias, always in bloom. Good sized flowers of pale flesh lavender and tinged purple .....   | 3.50 |
| <b>Nature's Masterpiece, D.</b> —A new Oregon Dahlia of special merit, color combination of old rose, cinnamon and metallic bronze with violet reflex on reverse of petals; extra long strong stems which hold the large blooms above the foliage ..... | 1.50 |
| <b>Paul Revere, D.</b> —Very large, velvet red .....  | 2.00 |
| <b>Polar Snow, D.</b> —Beautiful white Decorative, full flower .....  | .35  |
| <b>Pop Stewart, D.</b> —Large, pure lilac-pink flowers on strong stems .....  | .75  |
| <b>Pride of California, D.</b> —Large, red Decorative that cannot be beaten .....   | .35  |
| <b>Queen of the Garden Beautiful, D.</b> —One of the largest of all, primrose yellow on strong stems .....  | 2.00 |
| <b>Radio, D.</b> —Very large, blood red, edged and tipped yellow. Good for exhibition .....   | .75  |
| <b>Regal, D.</b> —A very prolific, large, beautiful colored bloom of autumn, bronze and old rose colors .....   | 9.00 |
| <b>Regina Coeli, D.</b> —Was awarded a Certificate of Merit. A beautiful white Dahlia; formation of the flower puts it in a class by itself. We have received enthusiastic letters from customers stating it to be all that we claimed it to be .....   | 1.00 |
| <b>Rodman Wanamaker, D., P.</b> —Golden bronze and salmon pink. This is one of the largest and most beautiful Dahlias on the market; grand for exhibition or garden purposes .....  | 1.00 |
| <b>Rolo Boy, H. C.</b> —Very large amber on strong stems .....  | 1.00 |
| <b>Roman Eagle, D.</b> —Large exhibition flower of brilliant copper, nice formation .....   | .65  |
| <b>Rockwood, D.</b> —Pure bright cerise rose, immense flower, splendid straight stems, free bloomer .....   | 1.00 |
| <b>Sagamore, D.</b> —This is good for exhibition or cut flowers; golden yellow, good size .....   | 1.00 |
| <b>Sanhican Gem, D.</b> —Old rose, beautiful, good stem very attractive .....   | .65  |
| <b>Santa Anna, D.</b> —Salmon rose and gold, large, classy flower, good stems .....   | 3.50 |

|   | Bulbs |
|---|-------|
| <b>Santuzza, H. D.</b> —Beautifully formed flower, medium size, soft coral pink .....   | 5.00  |
| <b>Selbach's White, D.</b> —Very prolific, white, fine for cut flowers .....  | 2.00  |
| <b>Seven Acres No. 6, P.</b> —Beautiful flower on the popular autumn shade of amber and gold. The flower is very heavy for a peony, the tall plants are covered with blooms on long, strong stems, which hold the flowers erect. It is exceptionally good as a garden variety .....   | .75   |
| <b>Seven Acres No. 37, D.</b> —The vivid orange red seems a magnet to focus the eye and closer inspection brings forth exclamations of delight. The reverse of the orange red petal is gold, the whole flower being brilliant and colorful. A large, heavy flower, with great depth, bound to win popularity .....  | 1.00  |
| <b>Seven Acres Novelty, D.</b> —Beautiful full flowers on nice plant, many different colored flowers on same plant; color purple and reddish gray, very attractive .....  | 1.00  |
| <b>Seven Acres No. 44, H. C.</b> —Certificate of Merit at the American Dahlia Society Trial Garden. The flower is of unusual formation, with long and twisted petals. The color is a shade deeper than Jack Rose. The plants are covered with blossoms on long, strong stems all the season. It is a good Dahlia for massing in the garden and for a cut flower ..... | 1.00  |
| <b>Shirley E. Shattuck, D.</b> —Large, attractive lavender on strong stems .....  | 2.00  |
| <b>Shudow's Lavender, D.</b> —Silvery lavender, slightly shaded white. Large flower, long, stiff stems, free bloomer .....  | 1.00  |
| <b>Snowdrift, D.</b> —Giant, pure white, best for garden .....  | .35   |
| <b>Starlight, H. D.</b> —Very large, pure gold on strong stems, new, will be one of the best for a long time .....  | 6.00  |
| <b>Sunset Glow, H. C.</b> —A very high colored flower, quite striking, very free bloomer, but the stems are not very long. The color is yellow at the base, outer part overlaid flame scarlet, lightly lipped yellow. Plant a dozen for cut flowers, \$2.50 per dozen .....   | .25   |
| <b>The Bashful Giant, D.</b> —Apricot shading gold. Mammoth flower, good for garden and exhibition .....  | .35   |
| <b>The Bandit, H. C.</b> —Large flower on very strong stems, of very unusual coloring, being made up of three colors, spectrum red, reverse, buff, yellow, with twisted petals .....  | .90   |
| <b>The Boy Scout, H. D.</b> —Very large flesh pink, lighter at center, very classy flower .....   | 3.50  |
| <b>The Crysler, D.</b> —A beautiful new pink which blooms on top of the stem. Large flowers on strong stems, free bloomer .....   | 1.50  |

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| <b>The Eagle, H. C.</b> —Sulpher yellow, large flowers, good keeper. Long, stiff stems, very prolific  | .35   |
| <b>The Emperor, D.</b> —Very large maroon colored flowers on strong stems .....  | 1.00  |
| <b>The Flying Ambassador, H. D.</b> —Very large, creamy white with touch of lavender on back, on strong stems .....                                      | 3.50  |
| <b>The Surprise, D.</b> —This is one of the best of the new ones. Very large, deep and good stems; mulberry or rose wine color .....                     | .75   |
| <b>The Telegram, D.</b> —A very large golden yellow, heavily tipped white, on long, strong stems .....   | .75   |
| <b>Uncle Tom, D.</b> —Very dark velvet of good size and shape .....  | .90   |
| <b>Variable, D.</b> —Beautiful bush covered with very large purple and heliotrope flowers that grow on top of the stems and make a wonderful sight ..... | 10.00 |
| <b>Violet Wonder, D.</b> —Large violet colored flower on strong stems .....  | 7.50  |
| <b>Violetter, H. C.</b> —Very unusual colored flower, good habits .....  | .75   |
| <b>White Court, H. C.</b> —A large white, loose petals of very attractive formation .....  | 1.00  |
| <b>Walheim Sunshine, D.</b> —Very large golden yellow of good habits .....   | 6.00  |
| <b>Washington City, D.</b> —White flower and good habits .....   | .35   |
| <b>Winter Time, C.</b> —A very good white (C.) of good habits .....  | 1.00  |
| <b>W. J. Irwin, D.</b> —Very large, lavender purple, strong stems .....  | 1.00  |
| <b>Wonderland, D.</b> —Large chocolate maroon with silver reverse .....  | 1.25  |
| <b>World's Best White, D.</b> —Large white on strong stems .....   | .75   |

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POM POMS

25c each; \$2.50 per dozen

- Alwine**—White tipped lavender  
**Ariel**—Orange buff, beautiful cut flower, good bloomer  
**Belle of Springfield**—Brick red  
**Bobby**—Plum color, another favorite  
**Catherine**—Beautiful yellow, free bloomer  
**Frau Emie Heneck**—Pink, good free bloomer  
**Gretchen Heine**—Blush white, rose tips  
**Highland Mary**—Wine, white shadings, long stems, best cut flower  
**Snow Clad**—Pure white, very good  
**Joe Felet**—White

## THESE POPULAR NOVELTIES

50c each; \$5.00 per dozen

Acquitana, H. C.—Salmon pink  
Ambassador, C.—Yellow buff  
Amun-Ra, D.—Copper orange  
Avalon, D.—Yellow  
Ballet Girl, C.—White-orange  
Bear Claws, C.—Ruby red  
Bridal Veil, C.—White  
Cardinel Mercier, P.—Blush pink  
Charm, D.—Burnt Amber  
Cigarette, C.—White and orange  
Della V. Potter, D.—Large lavender  
Elizabeth Slocomb, D.—Garnet  
Elizabeth White, D.—Coral pink and salmon  
Ellinor Vandeveer, D.—Rose pink  
Elsie Oliver, H. C.—Creamy pink  
Georgeous, P.—Yellow and scarlet  
Geo. Walters, H. C.—Salmon pink  
Golden West, C.—Deep, rich yellow, overlaid orange  
Jane Selby, D.—Mauve pink  
Jersey's Beauty, D.—Beautiful pink  
Judge Parker, D.—Golden buff  
Judge Marean, D.—Salmon, orange and red  
Junior, D.—Large lavender  
Kalif, H. C.—Large red  
Kitty Dunlap, D.—Carmine rose  
Lake Erie, D.—Large lavender  
F. W. Fellows, C.—Orange and scarlet  
MacGregor, H. C.—Spectrum red, good  
Marion Weller, D.—Beautiful pink, good  
Mariposia, H. C.—Pink and violet, good  
Mephistopheles, H. D.—Vivid scarlet  
Millionaire, D.—Large lavender  
Moll Pitcher, D.—Crimson and white  
Mr. Crowley, D.—Glowing salmon  
Mrs. E. L. Lindsey, D.—Gold and scarlet  
Mrs. Ethel Smith, H. C.—Large, creamy white  
Mrs. H. D. Young, D.—Pure old gold  
Mrs. J. K. Allen, D.—Red and buff  
N. C. 4, D.—Scarlet and cream  
Our Country, D.—Deep purple, tipped white  
Paul Michael, D.—Orange and buff, good  
Robert Treat, D.—American beauty shade  
Rosa Nell, D.—Bright rose  
Sampson, D.—Combination of gold and red  
Senorita, D.—Rich velvety crimson  
Sequoia Gigantea, D.—Yellow  
Shirley Brown, H. C.—Apricot and gold  
St. Bernard, D.—Creamy white, suffused with pink.  
The Giantess, D.—Immense, amber, good  
Trentonian, D.—Coppery bronze or Indian red  
William Slocomb, D.—Large, canary yellow  
Winfield Slocomb, D.—Orange, good

25c each; \$2.50 per dozen

Acquisition, S.—Rich lilac  
D. N. Moore, D.—Velvet maroon  
Duzon, D.—Brick red  
Jack Rose, D. S.—American beauty  
Maud Adams, S.—White, tinted pink

## GLADIOLI

|   | Each  | Doz.   |
|---|-------|--------|
| Albania—Very large, pure white .....                            | \$.10 | \$1.00 |
| Alice Tiplady—(Prim) orange .....                               | .10   | 1.00   |
| Bengal Tiger—Mottled red .....                                  | .25   | 2.50   |
| Captain Boynton—Light lavender .....                            | .25   | 2.50   |
| Crimson Glow—Deep crimson .....                                 | .10   | 1.00   |
| Delphi—New shade of pink .....                                  | .25   | 2.50   |
| Desdemona—Smoky purple .....                                    | .50   | 5.00   |
| Diana—Bright red .....  | .15   | 1.50   |
| Evelyn Kirtland—Beautiful pink .....                            | .10   | 1.00   |
| Europa—Large, pure white .....                                  | .25   | 2.50   |
| Fern Kyle—Creamy white .....                                    | .25   | 2.50   |
| Fontaine—Peaches and cream .....                                | .20   | 2.00   |
| Gold—Golden yellow .....  | .25   | 2.50   |
| Golden Measure—Large yellow .....                               | .25   | 2.50   |
| Halley—Salmon pink .....  | .05   | .50    |
| Henry Ford—Clear purple .....                                   | .25   | 2.00   |
| Herada—Pure mauve .....   | .15   | 1.50   |
| Longfellow—La France pink .....                                 | .35   | 3.50   |
| Los Angeles—Delicate pink .....                                 | .25   | 2.50   |
| Mary Pickford—Creamy white .....                                | .10   | 1.00   |
| Mrs. Frank Pendleton—Light pink, crimson blotch in throat ..... | .10   | 1.00   |
| Mrs. Francis King—Light scarlet .....                           | .10   | .75    |
| Mrs. F. C. Peters .....   | .25   | 2.50   |
| Mrs. R. R. Strange—Large dark red .....                         | .25   | 2.50   |
| Mrs. Watt—American beauty shade .....                           | .10   | 1.00   |
| Mr. W. H. Phipps—La France pink .....                           | .35   | 3.50   |
| Peace—Large white, lilac throat .....                           | .10   | 1.00   |
| Pearl—Pink, creamy throat .....                                 | .10   | 1.00   |
| Prince of Wales—Early blooming salmon .....                     | .10   | .75    |
| Purple Glory—Deep velvet maroon .....                           | .25   | 2.50   |
| Scarsdale—Lavender .....  | .10   | 1.00   |
| Schwaben—Yellow, very large .....                               | .05   | .50    |
| Scribe—Tinted white, streaked crimson .....                     | .25   | 2.50   |
| Virginia—Snappy red .....                                       | .15   | 1.50   |
| Willibrink—Flesh pink .....                                     | .05   | .50    |
| Giant Nymph—Large, light pink .....                             | .15   | 1.50   |
| Jewel—Pink, yellow throat .....                                 | .10   | 1.00   |
| Nora—Light violet lavender .....                                | .15   | 1.50   |
| Rose Ash—Ashes of roses .....                                   | .25   |        |
| 1910 Rose—Rich rose, white lines .....                          | .15   | 1.50   |

## MIXED GLADIOLI

\$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 per hundred  
 Special Collection, 25 for \$1.00  
 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 per dozen

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

## Described Elsewhere

## Special Collection No. 1 — \$3.00

|                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Bashful Giant  | Pride of California |
| Sunset Glow    | Snowdrift           |
| D. N. Moore    | Judge Parker        |
| Bonnie Brae    | William Slocomb     |
| Lady Alla      | Geo. Walters        |
| Augustus Duzon | The Eagle           |

**Special Collection No. 2 — \$4.00**

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Our Country      | Ambassador        |
| Jersey's Beauty  | Avalon            |
| Judge Marean     | Marion Weller     |
| Mariposia        | Ellinor Vandeveer |
| Winfield Slocomb | Mrs. H. D. Young  |
| McGregor         | Elizabeth White   |

**Special Collection No. 3 — \$5.00**

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| City of Lawrence | Jersey's Mammoth   |
| Bay State        | Roman Eagle        |
| Robert Treat     | The Surprise       |
| Jim George       | The Telegram       |
| Cushing          | Elsie Daniels      |
| Independence     | World's Best White |

**Special Collection No. 4 — \$7.50**

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Massachusetts    | World's Best White |
| Pop Stewart      | Alexander Pope     |
| Jersey's Mammoth | Jim George         |
| The Surprise     | City of Lawrence   |
| The Telegram     | The Bandit         |
| Independence     | Bay State          |

**Special Collection No. 5 — \$10.00**

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Uncle Tom     | Nature's Masterpiece |
| The Bandit    | Rodman Wanamaker     |
| Massachusetts | Rockwood             |
| The Emperor   | Jersey's Beacon      |
| Cushing       | Bruno                |
| Sagamore      | Jersey's Mammoth     |

**Special Collection No. 6 — \$15.00**

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Jersey's Wonder | Paul Revere               |
| Wonderland      | Massachusetts             |
| Jersey's Gleam  | Queen of Garden Beautiful |
| Selbach's White | The Boy Scout             |
| Harry Mayer     | Nature's Masterpiece      |
| W. J. Irwin     | Nature's Jewel            |

**Special Collection No. 7 — \$25.00**

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Regal         | Starlight             |
| The Boy Scout | The Flying Ambassador |
| Harry Mayer   | Barbara Redfern       |

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40c per 100; \$1.75 per 500; \$2.50 per 1,000, net

### SEPARATING THE CLUMP

Cut stock close to bulbs, turn clump upside down and put strong knife or hatchet in the center, pound it until you make two halves. Avoid breaking neck of bulb. Then take hock or straight knife and cut off bulbs, being sure they have an eye, leaving on as much crown as possible.

A pair of canvas gloves with the right thumb heavily taped will be a help.

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### KEEPING THE BULBS

By L. N. Davis

There are almost as many opinions as there are growers on keeping the tubers over the winter. This is perfectly right, as every cellar is different, and this means a decidedly different method for storing and preserving one's bulbs.

First of all, I would suggest that everyone keep a thermometer in the cellar, for only in this way can you tell how hot or cold it is.

Now the bulb itself must be taken into consideration. Is it large or small? Has it a tendency to decay easily, or maybe to dry or shrivel up to almost nothing? This is the time when the evil of overfeeding for large flowers in the summer becomes apparent. If you take several clumps of good bulbs, all the same kind, put them in storage in the same box, in a short time, the clump that has been forced or fed heavily will begin to decay, or, if small sized, will dry up, while those grown without any food will be found O. K.

Next to be considered is the cellar where the bulbs are stored. Generally the old fashioned, dirt bottom cellar, without heat of any kind, is almost perfect. About the only care for these bulbs is to pile on the floor and cover with burlap bags if they show any signs of wrinkling or drying up.

In a cellar with a small amount of heat, pack the bulbs in boxes or barrels, lined with newspaper and cover top with more paper. Watch for a few weeks after packing, and if they start to mildew near crown, take off top paper and give the moisture, which is always coming out of the clumps, a chance to escape.

In a cellar of 45 degrees or 50 degrees, or warmer, with cement bottom and heater, the bulbs will need more protection from the hot, dry air. Pack in shallow boxes, about 8 inches high (vegetable bushel boxes are perfect) and cover with shavings or sawdust. Look at the bulbs four times during the storage period, November 30, January 1, February 22, and April 1. If they are in good condition, they can be packed away again, but if they have started to decay, cut off all the decayed parts and apply powdered sulphur or air slackened lime to the parts that have been cut.

In a very warm, dry cellar with cement floor, where the temperature goes from 45 to 65 and even in the cold storage closets of such cellars where more or less heat will get in, the following treatment has proved successful. The bulbs when dug should be placed at once in shallow boxes (if the earth isn't too wet or soggy.) Do not shake the dirt from the clump and, after placing in the box, fill in with more loam, not

too deep, about 6 inches. Set boxes on or near the floor. If lack of space compels you to place boxes on top of each other, be sure to put wooden braces between the boxes, to prevent resting tightly on top. Circulation of air is necessary to keep the moisture escaping from the tubers.

You can see that the keeping of bulbs rests wholly with the individual and his cellar conditions. The atmosphere in every cellar is different, even with the same heat. If you have had success your way in storing, my advice is don't change. But if you haven't had good luck keeping bulbs, try one of the other ways. Bulbs can be successfully wintered if you find out your cellar conditions, then treat them by the methods suggested. Remember, if one man can keep them over the winter, you, too, should be able to do the same.

Yours for better luck in storing.

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**TESTIMONIALS FROM A FEW OF OUR SATISFIED  
CUSTOMERS**

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Clinton, Mass.

Last spring I purchased from you your Yellow Ribbon assortment of Dahlias, including the following named varieties: Snowdrift, Mrs. I. DeVer Warner, Paul Michael, Sequoi Giganti, Armun-Ra, Judge Parker, and others. I planted about sixty altogether and yours was the best of them all.

Some of them grew nine feet tall and bloomed until frost. I wish to thank you.

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Danville, Va.

Having grown Dahlias for some years, and during this period having experienced many disappointments, I feel it almost a sense of duty to inform you of the excellent results obtained from the tubers received from you last spring. My plants were the finest I have seen and produced a beautiful lot of blossoms that were the admiration of the flower lovers of my city throughout the entire season.

The stock from The Seven Acres was unusually healthy.

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Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

While walking through my plantation this morning, I could not help but admire the fine blooms of Mr. Crowley, Mariposa, Judge A. B. Parker, and the others you sold me this spring. In spite of the terrible year we are experiencing in this district as far as Dahlias go, your stock has proved to be the very finest and I am more than pleased to congratulate you on the care you give your plants.

South Freeport.

Mr. Davis, I must write to tell you of my wonderful Dahlias that I had from you last spring. A \$5.00 collection, they have attracted a great deal of attention the past summer. I gathered a few more than two hundred beautiful blooms.

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Ballston Spa, N. Y.

I am well pleased with the quality of tubers sent me last spring. They were planted with stock from two other growers and I must say yours far surpass the other growers' stock as they have more vigor.

I have over eighteen hundred hills growing and doing fairly well, but there seems to be something about yours that the others do not have.

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Cincinnati, Ohio.

Just a few moments of your busy time to tell you of the wonderful success with your tubers. I received eleven ribbons in Westwood Garden Club's Dahlia show held September 17th at Cincinnati, Ohio. Your Mariposa, McGregor and your donation, Mrs. Geo. W. Jenkins, received firsts. This was my second year as a Dahlia grower and enjoyed it very much. I received sweepstake prize also.

Many thanks for the healthy stock which you sent me.

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Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Just a few words to let you know how pleased I am with the Dahlia bulbs you sent me in the spring. They are now the very best plants among the 1,000 I have planted, and I find that your claim for vigorous stock is more than justified. This coupled with the low price I have paid you should be an inducement for many others to reward you with orders for next spring.

You are doing a great deal for the cause of Dahlia growing and I will take every opportunity to recommend you to all.



# How to Reach The Seven Acres

Take electric cars at Sullivan Square to end of line in Stoneham. Three minutes walk north.

